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SUBJ: AGREEMENT BETWEEN US NAVY AND RUSSIAN NAVY ON

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

REF: (A) LONDON 420, (B) STATE 2723

1. RE: US/USSR AGREEMENT ON CODE OF SIGNALS (REFTELS)

WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL LETTER FROM IMCO (CAPT.

SAVELIEV) REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF WHAT US AND USSR

INTEND IMCO TO DO ABOUT SIGNALS; SIMILAR LETTER SENT TO

USSR MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE (MR. AVERIN).

2. SUBSTANCE OF SAVELIEV LETTER FOLLOWS:

"PRIOR TO FORWARDING THE SIGNALS IN QUESTION TO THE
APPROPRIATE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND IN ORDER
TO AVIOD A POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, WE WOULD BE GRATE-
FUL IF THE FOLLOWING POINTS COULD BE CLARIFIED, SINCE IT
IS POSSIBLE THAT RELEVANT QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED DURING
DISCUSSIONS OF THESE SIGNALS:

- A) ARE THE SIGNALS AND THE CORRESPONDING CODE
GROUPS OPEN TO CONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFIC-
ATION BY IMCO? THE NOTIFICATIONS BY BOTH
EMBASSIES STATE THAT THE SIGNALS HAVE BEEN
"ADOPTED AND PUT INTO OPERATION" BY BOTH
COUNTRIES.

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- B) ARE THE SIGNALS INTENDED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE

BY NAVAL UNITS OR WOULD THEY BE AVAILABLE
FOR USE BY "ALL VESSELS"?

IN CASE THE SIGNALS ARE INTENDED FOR CONSIDERATION BY
IMCO IN THE USUAL MANNER, I WOULD ADD THAT THE FUTURE
SESSIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE SUB-COMMITTEE (THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS) ARE SCHEDULED FOR
24-28 FEBRUARY AND 15-19 SEPTEMBER 1975. I WOULD, THERE-
FORE, APPRECIATE A REPLY TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, OR ANY
OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, BEFORE SUBMITTING THE
REQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE SOVIET UNION TO
THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION. IN THE MEANTIME,
WE ARE MAKING A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE LIST TO
SEE WHETHER THE SIGNALS AND THE GROUPS ALLOCATED TO THEM
ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE REST OF THE MATERIAL IN THE CODE.
A SIMILAR LETTER HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO MR. AVERIN IN
MOSCOW."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ISSUES
RAISED BY CAPT. SAVELIEV WHICH WE MAY PASS TO IMCO WOULD
BE APPRECIATED.

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